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Week ending April 3, 2011

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, April 3, 2011**. A week of wet weather persisted with thunderstorms and scattered showers sweeping through Mississippi. The rain slowed planting progress in northern parts of the state. Corn planting continues while rice and soybean planting has just started. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 13 percent short, 53 adequate, and 32 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending April 3, 2011

| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Corn, planted | 66 | 46 | 50 | 59 |
| Corn, emerged | 27 | 3 | 13 | 33 |
| Rice, planted | 6 | -- | 9 | 4 |
| Soybeans, planted | 5 | -- | 5 | 9 |
| Watermelons, planted | 40 | 27 | 40 | 36 |
| Winter Wheat, jointing | 93 | 80 | 60 | 67 |
| Winter Wheat, heading | 8 | 2 | 0 | 8 |

Crop condition for week ending April 3, 2011

| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Blueberries | 0 | 0 | 14 | 86 | 0 |
| Livestock | 2 | 8 | 25 | 47 | 18 |
| Pasture | 3 | 7 | 25 | 52 | 13 |
| Winter Wheat | 2 | 5 | 23 | 54 | 16 |

Comments

“Corn planters are still going hard and the first of the rice and soybean crop has been planted. Wheat is heading and is likely going to have highly varied yields across the county.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Thunderstorms and scattered showers were abundant all week. Wheat is holding up pretty good. All the fertilizer is really showing up where it was applied in a timely manner. The rain is helping the wheat crop.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rain has prevented any field activity. Corn planted last week has roots 1-2 in. long and should be out of the ground by the first of the week.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Some areas were dry enough for corn planting to continue. Early planted corn is up and looking good. Spring sidedress nitrogen applications on corn are going well. Some rice has been planted. Additional wheat fields are being found with glyphosate drift damage. Aphids are showing up in some wheat fields.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Planting is being delayed by scattered showers and cool temperatures, but so far rainfall amounts have generally been low. Subsoil moisture levels remain low for this time of year.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Producers are spraying and putting out fertilizer as a storm is building this Monday morning.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Corn planting continued this week and growers were able to get fields ready to plant although we had some showers.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Winter forages are really growing and some need to be cut for hay (if it will stop raining long enough). Warm days have put the perennial grasses in the growing mode. Many pastures have been receiving a dose of broadleaf spray within the past couple of weeks.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Crop planting is in full force with all crops with the exception of cotton.”
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Recent heavy rains have stopped corn planting. Wheat is looking great across the area.”
— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Much of the corn is planted. Some farmers are anxious to start planting soybeans.”
— Randy Smith, Covington

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending April 3, 2011

| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 73 | 37 | 51 | 58 | -7 | 1.20 | -0.00 | 2 | 2.74 |
| Cleveland | 76 | 38 | 50 | 59 | -9 | 0.71 | -0.69 | 4 | 2.67 |
| Lambert 1W | 77 | 36 | 50 | | | 0.67 | -0.52 | 2 | 2.54 |
| Tunica 2N | 74 | 40 | 51 | 57 | -6 | 0.47 | -0.86 | 3 | 2.26 |
| Extreme/Average | 77 | 36 | 51 | 58 | -7 | 0.76 | -0.57 | 3 | 2.55 |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 74 | 37 | 50 | 56 | -6 | 0.65 | -0.65 | 2 | 3.27 |
| Hickory Flat | 74 | 37 | 50 | 55 | -5 | 0.92 | -0.43 | 4 | 4.75 |
| Holly Springs | 75 | 33 | 51 | 54 | -3 | 0.78 | -0.55 | 3 | 3.44 |
| Independence | 73 | 36 | 49 | 56 | -7 | 0.80 | -0.39 | 3 | 2.75 |
| Oxford | 75 | 37 | 51 | 56 | -5 | 0.53 | -0.76 | 2 | 5.47 |
| Extreme/Average | 75 | 33 | 50 | 57 | -7 | 0.74 | -0.59 | 3 | 4.10 |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 74 | 38 | 48 | 56 | -8 | 0.89 | -0.45 | 4 | 4.69 |
| Corinth 7SW | 73 | 39 | 49 | 58 | -9 | 0.48 | -0.83 | 2 | 3.68 |
| Pontotoc Exp | 75 | 38 | 49 | 57 | -8 | 1.24 | -0.16 | 4 | 3.66 |
| Tupelo 2 | 74 | 39 | 50 | | | 1.08 | | 4 | 4.59 |
| Verona | 75 | 39 | 50 | 57 | -7 | 1.26 | -0.07 | 3 | 4.12 |
| Extreme/Average | 75 | 38 | 49 | 57 | -8 | 0.99 | -0.37 | 3 | 4.15 |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 74 | 41 | 51 | 59 | -8 | 0.49 | -0.94 | 3 | 2.52 |
| Greenville | 78 | 40 | 55 | 59 | -4 | 0.12 | -1.18 | 2 | 2.12 |
| Moorhead | 75 | 41 | 52 | 60 | -8 | 0.36 | -1.00 | 3 | 2.19 |
| Rolling Fork | 80 | 41 | 54 | 59 | -5 | 0.64 | -0.76 | 2 | 3.38 |
| Yazoo City | 79 | 43 | 56 | 61 | -5 | 0.40 | -1.12 | 1 | 5.06 |
| Extreme/Average | 80 | 40 | 54 | 60 | -6 | 0.40 | -0.99 | 2 | 3.54 |
| Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton 4N | 63 | 41 | 51 | 61 | -10 | 1.02 | -0.38 | 2 | 4.49 |
| Eupora 2E | | | | 57 | | 1.07 | -0.38 | 2 | 2.01 |
| Forest 3S | 77 | 40 | 55 | 60 | -5 | 3.18 | 1.71 | 2 | 8.19 |
| Kosciusko | 81 | 39 | 54 | 58 | -4 | 0.45 | -1.03 | 2 | 5.36 |
| Winona 5E | 76 | 37 | 49 | 55 | -6 | 0.70 | -0.72 | 4 | 4.68 |
| Extreme/Average | 81 | 37 | 52 | 59 | -7 | 1.28 | -0.15 | 2 | 5.68 |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 74 | 41 | 51 | 57 | -6 | 1.66 | 0.30 | 2 | 3.50 |
| Columbus | 76 | 41 | 56 | 59 | -3 | 0.92 | -0.37 | 3 | 4.48 |
| Macon | 84 | 39 | 55 | 58 | -3 | 0.44 | -0.96 | 3 | 3.66 |
| State University | 77 | 41 | 53 | 58 | -5 | 0.70 | -0.70 | 3 | 4.87 |
| Extreme/Average | 84 | 39 | 54 | 59 | -5 | 0.93 | -0.47 | 3 | 4.19 |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Springs | 80 | 42 | 58 | 61 | -3 | 2.84 | 1.43 | 1 | 6.03 |
| Natchez | 79 | 43 | 59 | 63 | -4 | 0.90 | -0.64 | 1 | 5.90 |
| Oakley Exp | | | | 60 | | 3.98 | 2.49 | 3 | 6.89 |
| Vicksburg City | 79 | 44 | 56 | | | 2.29 | | 3 | 4.50 |
| Woodville 4ESE | 83 | 46 | 64 | 62 | 2 | 0.38 | -1.19 | 1 | 4.28 |
| Extreme/Average | 83 | 42 | 59 | 61 | -2 | 2.08 | 0.61 | 2 | 5.18 |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 79 | 42 | 60 | 61 | -1 | 0.20 | -1.22 | 1 | 6.40 |
| Columbia | 83 | 46 | 63 | 62 | 1 | 1.57 | 0.10 | 2 | 6.25 |
| Monticello | 83 | 43 | 62 | 61 | 1 | 1.95 | 0.43 | 1 | 7.44 |
| Raleigh 6N | 78 | 41 | 55 | | | 2.34 | | 3 | 8.44 |
| Extreme/Average | 83 | 41 | 60 | 62 | -2 | 1.52 | 0.05 | 2 | 7.13 |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 82 | 44 | 61 | 62 | -1 | 1.39 | -0.01 | 2 | 8.35 |
| Laurel | | | | 61 | | 1.72 | 0.38 | 2 | 5.92 |
| Newton Exp | 72 | 40 | 53 | 59 | -6 | 2.27 | 0.79 | 3 | 6.43 |
| Waynesboro 2W | 83 | 45 | 62 | 60 | 2 | 3.05 | 1.79 | 3 | 7.62 |
| Extreme/Average | 83 | 40 | 59 | 61 | -2 | 2.11 | 0.68 | 3 | 7.08 |
| State | 84 | 33 | 55 | 60 | -5 | 1.29 | -0.11 | 3 | 5.05 |

DFN = Departure from Normal.